

Benin

INVESTMENT SUMMARY



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Overview: Country program established in 1986. Focus is on agricultural sector, providing support to food producers and processors in the local and export markets. Projects are co-founded through a Strategic Partnership with the Government of Benin. USADF currently manages a portfolio of **30 projects and one Cooperative Agreement**. Total commitment is **\$4.2 million**.



Grantee	Duration	Value	Summary
Union Communale des Producteurs d'Agbangnizoun 2215-BEN	2010-2015	\$179,241	Agriculture (Maize): UCP Agbangnizoun advances the interests of agricultural producers in Agbangnizoun Commune. USADF funds will develop a network of model farmers using improved cultural techniques, facilitate members' access to lower cost production inputs, and guarantee loans that will help members reduce their production costs and enable them to hold their produce until prices improve after the harvest season.
Groupe des Transformatrices d'Anacarde de Soubroukou (GTAS) 2464-BEN	2011-2014	\$78,500	Food Processing (Cashew Nuts): GTAS is located in the village of Soubroukou of the Donga Department. GTAS engages in processing and marketing of cashew nuts. USADF funds will purchase processing equipment, the construction of a sheltered production site and a storage facility, as well as provide training in accounting, adult literacy, cashew processing, packaging, and storage. This will enable GTAS members to increase the volume of cashews sold and the profit earned by the group.
Mialebouni Association 2586-BEN	2012-2015	\$151,067	Agriculture (Cassava, Maize, Beans): Mialébouni Association was founded to improve the socioeconomic status of rural women of Adja Couffo. USADF funds will enable Mialébouni to work with four women's groups to improve and expand their cassava processing and storage capabilities. Another women's group will set up a warrantage program that will enable its members to store their maize and beans until prices rise, while using the stored crops as collateral for loans to address their immediate cash needs.
Anti Sua An Koua An Mon of N'Dali (ASAKAM) 2692-BEN	2012-2014	\$74,929	Agriculture (Vegetables): ASAKAM was founded to improve the socioeconomic status of rural women of the commune of N'Dali of the Borgou Department. USADF funds will enable the women's association to develop two hectares of land for improved vegetable production. The women will use a surface irrigation system which will improve their capacity to grow vegetables regardless of season.
UCPC Djidja 2602-BEN	2012-2015	\$195,288	Agriculture (Corn, Cowpeas, Soybeans): UCP Djidja was created to improve the income and living conditions of cotton and cereal producers in Djidja. USADF funds will assist the union by establishing a warrantage program to provide its members with the opportunity to stock their crops until prices rise, while using the stored crops as collateral for loans to address farmers' immediate cash needs. This will increase the profitability of these crops while facilitating the diversification of revenue-generating activities during the storage period.
Union des Aulacodiculteurs de Bonou (UAB) 2674-BEN	2012-2015	\$119,893	Livestock (Grasscutters): UAB was founded to improve the socioeconomic status of grasscutter breeders in the Bonou Commune of the Ouémé Department. USADF funds will improve members' production facilities with the construction of production units, an office and storage rooms, and a drying surface. This will increase UAB's members' incomes by producing quality grasscutters able to be marketed at more profitable prices.

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TINFI Association for Ecotourism Promotion 2646-BEN	2012-2015	\$141,406	Services (Ecotourism): TINFI was established to improve and expand ecotourism services and facilities in the village of Tanongou, located in the Atakora Department. USADF funds will enable TINFI to improve the existing tourist attractions in the village to meet the demand for tourist lodging and increase the village's revenues. Funds will be used to create simple lodging facilities for tourists, develop a catering service based on local foods, and organize touring services around the waterfalls of Tanongou. This will increase the profitability of the Association, while facilitating diversification of income-generating activities throughout the year.
Espoir Vivre Ensemble (EVE) 2701-BEN	2012-2015	\$104,147	Livestock (Poultry): EVE was founded to improve the welfare of people infected with HIV/AIDS by organizing them to engage in income generating activities. USADF funds will improve EVE's ability to manage its poultry farming business and generate increased incomes for members. Providing self-employment opportunities for persons living with HIV/AIDS will also help to change stereotypes.
Union Communale des Coopératives de Producteurs Maraichers de Pehunco (UCCooPMA) 2752-BEN	2012-2015	\$197,572	Agriculture (Vegetables): UCCooPMA was created in 2012 to improve the incomes and living conditions of vegetable producers in Pehunco, Atakora Department. USADF funds will enable the Union to develop three sites for improved vegetable and potato production. Union members will use a surface irrigation system to improve their capacity to grow vegetables regardless of season.
Association des Propriétaires de la Commune de Sô-Ava (APASCO-METONOU) 2806-BEN	2013-2016	\$138,228	Fish Farming: APASCO was established in 2009 to improve the standard of living and working conditions of its members by engaging in fish farming and marketing. USADF funds will allow the Association's to use improved sustainable fish farming techniques to expand their capacity to produce and market their products. The project will provide for the construction of six fish pens, fish farming tools, two boats and working capital in the form of fish fingerlings and fish feed.
Coopérative de Maïs du Borgou (CMB) 2846-BEN	2013-2016	\$220,926	Agriculture (Maize): CMB is a cooperative of 112 maize farmers in the Borgou Department in the northeast of the country. The project will focus on establishing a warrantage system where members can stock production after harvest until prices rise, while using the stored crops as collateral for loans to address farmers' immediate cash needs. Funds will be used to construct three warehouses, provide working capital, and conduct trainings on post-harvest techniques and marketing techniques.
Association des Femmes Vivant avec le VIH/ SIDA (AFEP-Espoir) 2886-BEN	2013-2015	\$88,518	Processing (Palm Oil): AFEP-Espoir is a group of mostly 80 women with HIV/AIDS in Lokossa in the southwest of Benin. The group is currently processing palm oil using traditional methods to provide steady incomes for the women. This project will increase their production and income by providing basic processing equipment, as well as trainings in management, finance, and oil production.
Union Sous-Préfectorale des Groupements de Femmes de Banikoara (USPGF) 2889-BEN	2013-2016	\$164,781	Processing (Shea Butter): USPGF is a union composed of 1,875 members who produce shea butter. The group is located in the Banikoara commune in the north of Benin. The projects aim is to increase the ability of the group to compete with other high quality shea butter producers in the region by obtaining an organic producer certification. Funds will procure processing equipment, a building, working capital and provide training in both production and marketing.
Groupeement Grenier du Bénin 2917-BEN	2013-2016	\$179,851	Agriculture (Corn, Soybeans): Grenier du Benin, established in 2009, is composed of 66 members who produce both corn and soybeans, in the commune of Kalalè in the northeast of Benin. The project will focus on expanding their production capacity by providing working capital, a storage facility and two tractors.
Association Béninoise du Moringa (ABM) 2923-BEN	2013-2016	\$133,577	Processing (Moringa): ABM is a cooperative of 173 members who process moringa into nutritional supplements in Parakou. The project intends to enable ABM to increase production and obtain a quality certification enabling them to begin selling to large organizations including international NGOs. Funds will be used to provide processing equipment, a processing facility, working capital and conduct trainings in a variety of areas including management, finance, marketing, and production.

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Union Communale des Coopératives des Producteurs Maraîchers de Kouandé (UCCOOPMA) 2958-BEN	2013-2016	\$138,007	Agriculture (Vegetables): UCCOOPMA is a union composed 215 vegetable farmers in the commune of Kouandé in the northwest part of Benin. The union wants to increase its production by installing drip irrigation systems that will allow for year-round production as well as improved inputs. ADF funds will provide working capital for agricultural production inputs, construction of four wells, farming tools, as well as training in agricultural production, irrigation and water management, marketing techniques, and cooperative management.
Association Savaloise des Handicapés Moteurs (ASHAM) 2994-BEN	2014-2016	\$80,793	Services (Sewing, Weaving, Hairdressing): ASHAM is a group of 25 people with motor disabilities based in the city of Savalou in the central part of Benin. The group has been active since 2007 in providing these services. This project will provide them with the facilities expand their business and also accommodate their limitations and ensure the sustainability of the organization. Funds will be used to construct a facility with necessary accommodations and provide training in accounting and financial management, internal controls, small business management, marketing, cooperative management, and sewing, hairdressing, and weaving refresher training.
Groupelement Villageois des Professionnels et Eleveurs de Ruminants (GVPER) de Katatèou 3025-BEN	2014-2016	\$99,013	Livestock (Cattle Market): GVPER is a cooperative group composed of 117 herders and breeders in the commune of Djidja. This grant will empower the group to strengthen their organizational capacity and improve the facilities available at the self-managed market that the group maintains and regulates. Funds will provide training on market management, hygiene and sanitation, conflict and management, and cooperative life. Additional funds will improve the facilities, provide salaries for staff, and an office.
Groupelement SODAN des Personnes Handicapées de Paouignan (GSPHP) 3029-BEN	2014-2016	\$96,567	Livestock (Rabbits): GSPHP is a n association of 38 disabled persons in the Paouignan Commune. The project wants to increase the group's income and serve as a demonstration to other members that rabbit production can be done collectively and as an income generating activity at the household level. Funds will provide and furnish a production facility, specialized to meet their needs, an office facility, transportation, salaries for new staff, and training on management, internal controls, and rabbit production.
Union Communale des Producteurs de Zè (UCP-Zè) 3072-BEN	2014-2016	\$98,203	Agriculture (Maize): UCP-Zè is a cooperative union of 16 producer unions who produce a variety of agricultural products in 73 villages of Zè Commune. The project seeks to increase production and storage of maize to improve food security in the municipality and increase producers' incomes. Funds will provide training in financial management, maize production and storage techniques, and entrepreneurship; construct and equip a 200 ton capacity warehouse with a drying yard; basic office equipment; establish a line of credit for agricultural inputs; produce a business plan for the Union; and cover initial salaries for new personnel.
Groupelement à Vocation Coopérative de Commercialization des Produits Agricoles Miyiwannoumide de Yaaggo (GMO) 3084-BEN	2014-2016	\$95,117	Agriculture (Maize and Cassava): GMO is a farmers' cooperative in Ouinhi Commune composed of sixty members including 27 men who produce maize and 37 women who process cassava into garri. This project seeks to enable the group to expand its membership and promote the marketing of members' maize and garri. Funds will provide training in financial management, internal controls, marketing and negotiation, cooperative life, maize production and storage techniques, and garri production; a 70 ton warehouse with a drying yard and office facilities; computers and financial management software with training; a line of credit for agricultural inputs; a business plan; and initial salaries for new staff.
Groupelement de Femmes Suuru Ceka de Bellefougou 3141-BEN	2014-2016	\$88,800	Agriculture (Vegetables): Suuru Ceka is a group of 42 women who produce vegetables in the village of Bellefougou in the Donga Department. This grant will focus on growing the group's organizational capacities and helping them to develop an irrigated hectare of land. USADF funds will provide training in accounting, management, marketing and cooperative markets, trainings in production techniques, an irrigation system and production tools.
Coopérative des Producteurs Maraîchers de Fombea 3146-EN	2014-2016	\$83,600	Agriculture (Vegetables): Fombea is a group of 28 vegetable producers, mostly women, in the village of Fombea in the Donga Department. This grant will focus on growing the group's organizational capacities and helping them to develop an irrigated hectare of land. USADF funds will provide training in accounting, management, marketing and cooperative markets, trainings in production techniques, an irrigation system and production tools.

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Union des Groupements des Agriculteurs Mowossokpo (UGAM) de Miniki 3174-BEN	2014-2016	\$95,500	Agriculture (Maize , Cassava, Soybean, Yam) UGAM is a Union of 14 groups with a total of 1,300 members in the commune of Savalou and Banté communes. They produce a variety of products, but this project will concentrate on training 113 members on seed production which will then be able to satisfy the demand for quality certified seeds for the remaining members and other non-members in both communes. USADF funds will provide base, certified seeds, technical training in seed production, and trainings on developing organizational capacity.
Union Communale des Coopératives de Producteurs Maraichers de Ouaké 3181-BEN	2014-2016	\$87,400	Agriculture (Pepper & Vegetables): Ouaké is a group is a Union of 6 groups with a total of 14 members of vegetable producers, in the Donga Department. This grant will center its attention on one of the groups, Cooperative of Bohomdo, to serve as a demonstration group to the other members regarding pepper production which is a large export item to Togo. USADF funds will provide trainings in production techniques, an irrigation system and production tools and inputs as well as training in accounting, management, marketing and cooperative markets.
Groupeement a Vocation Cooperative Itchedon 3185-BEN	2014-2016	\$84,000	Agriculture (Various Food Staples): Itchedon is a group of 29 people, primarily women who buy food staples (maize, rice, sorghum, groundnuts, and vegetables) and store them for sale later at market. The aim of this grant is to improve and increase their ability to store food for sale during the hunger season, which will both provide the group with higher revenues as well as contribute to food security in the region. USADF funds will provide for a storage facility, training on storage techniques, a revolving fund for purchasing produce, and trainings for increasing its organizational capacity.
ONG Conservatoire de la Civilisation Tanéka (CoCiTa) 3200-BEN	2014-2017	\$137,600	Services (Ecotourism): CoCiTa is a group of 60 people whose goal is to improve and expand ecotourism services and facilities in the village of Tanéka, located in the Atakora Department. USADF funds will enable CoCiTa to improve the existing tourist attractions in the village to meet the demand for tourist lodging and increase the village's revenues. Funds will be used to create simple lodging facilities for tourists, develop a catering service based on local foods, and provide training on creating handicrafts.

